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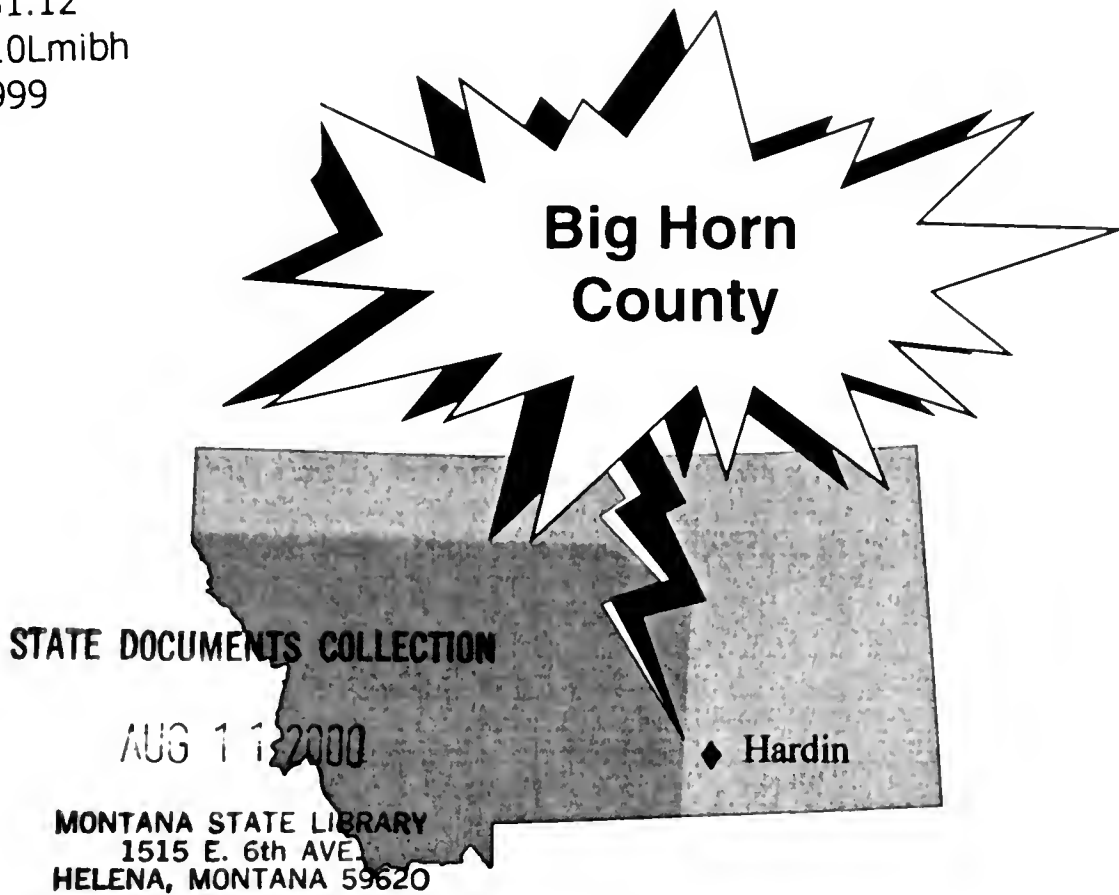
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### Cities and Towns in Big Horn County

Busby ◆ Crow Agency ◆ Decker ◆ Fort Smith  
Garryowen ◆ Hardin ◆ Lodge Grass  
Pryor ◆ St. Xavier ◆ Wyola

The most current county-by-county information can be found in our quarterly publication *Employment and Labor Force Trends*. And most of our information is on the Internet at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>. In addition, we'll do our best to provide information in accessible format, on request, in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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# Big Horn County

Located in southeastern Montana, Big Horn County is Montana's 16th most populous with 11,337 residents, according to the 1990 Census.

Hardin, the county seat, is the state's 23rd largest city with a population of 2,940. According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1913 and named for the Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep.

Big Horn County is home to the Crow Indian Reservation, Montana's largest. The Northern Cheyenne Reservation borders the Crow on the east. The Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument is southeast of Hardin and memorializes those who died when Lt. Col. George A. Custer and his troops were defeated by Sioux and Northern Cheyenne warriors on June 25, 1876. The county is rich in coal resources and coal mining was the fifth largest industry in 1998.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Big Horn County households in 1989 was \$19,101. The county is 5,014.7 square miles in area; 4,994.9 square miles in land area and 19.8 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. Average monthly temperatures range from a minimum of 13 degrees above in January to a maximum of 84 degrees above in July. According to the *Montana Almanac*, the annual precipitation in 1995 was 13.37 inches and the length of the growing season 130 days.

## Big Horn County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	7/1/98 Estimate	7/1/97 Estimate	4/1/90 Census	% Change '90 to '98	% Change '90 to '97
Montana	880,453	878,730	799,065	10.2%	10.0%
Big Horn County	12,631	12,614	11,337	11.4%	11.3%
Hardin	3,316	3,299	2,940	12.8%	12.2%
Lodge Grass	575	576	517	11.2%	11.4%

## 1998 New Businesses by Industry Big Horn County

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86	Membership Organizations	4
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83	Social Services	1
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	<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis.

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Does not include businesses which had a change in ownership.

## Top 10 Private Employers In Big Horn County

*Listed In Alphabetical Order*

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Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis.

First Quarter 1999 Unemployment Insurance Information.

This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to Unemployment Insurance. Railroads and city, county, state and federal government agencies (including public school districts and universities) are excluded.

Annual Average Labor Force For Big Horn County				
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unem- ployed	Unem- ployment Rate
1970	3,664	3,496	168	4.6%
1971	3,759	3,530	229	6.1%
1972	3,704	3,481	223	6.0%
1973	3,865	3,608	257	6.6%
1974	4,177	3,856	321	7.7%
1975	4,157	3,862	295	7.1%
1976	4,346	4,091	255	5.9%
1977	4,555	4,194	361	7.9%
1978	5,518	5,150	368	6.7%
1979	5,901	5,603	298	5.0%
1980	6,055	5,662	393	6.5%
1981	5,766	5,235	531	9.2%
1982	5,524	5,023	501	9.1%
1983	5,263	4,816	447	8.5%
1984	4,603	4,201	402	8.7%
1985	4,759	4,268	491	10.3%
1986	4,921	4,199	722	14.7%
1987	4,864	4,233	631	13.0%
1988	4,778	4,264	514	10.8%
1989	4,364	3,876	488	11.2%
1990	4,599	3,981	618	13.4%
1991	4,710	4,170	540	11.5%
1992	5,163	4,397	766	14.8%
1993	5,039	4,399	640	12.7%
1994	5,225	4,572	653	12.5%
1995	4,912	4,288	624	12.7%
1996	5,045	4,540	505	10.0%
1997	5,144	4,661	483	9.4%
1998	5,264	4,790	474	9.0%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis (1999 Benchmark).

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex 1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data Civilian Labor Force-All Persons			
Occupation	Total	Male	Female
<b>Total</b>	4,569	2,496	2,073
<b>Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations</b>	952	417	535
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	324	201	123
Professional Specialty Occupations	628	216	412
<b>Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations</b>	1,002	295	707
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	92	51	41
Sales Occupations	266	143	123
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	644	101	543
<b>Service Occupations</b>	941	358	583
Private Household Occupations	4	0	4
Protective Service Occupations	158	123	35
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	779	235	544
<b>Farming, Forestry, Fishing</b>	565	505	60
<b>Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations</b>	353	318	35
Mechanics and Repairers	113	106	7
Construction Trade	169	165	4
Extractive Occupations	11	11	0
Precision Production Occupations	60	36	24
<b>Operators, Fabricators and Laborers</b>	546	465	81
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	90	67	23
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	236	210	26
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	220	188	32
<b>Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience</b>	210	138	72

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CD-ROM).

## Resources

### ⇒ Chamber of Commerce:

Hardin Area Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, 21 E. 4th St., Hardin, MT 59034, 406-665-1672

### ⇒ Department of Labor and Industry:

#### **Billings Job Service Center**

2121-B Rosebud Dr., Billings, MT 59102-6274, 406-652-3080

#### **Billings Unemployment Claims Telephone Center**

P. O. Box 30697, Billings, MT 59107-0697, 406-247-1000

#### **Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Office of Research & Analysis Publications**

For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections to the year 2006 and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication or check out our Internet website at <http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/>.

### ⇒ Housing Costs:

Check the Yellow Pages in the local phone directory for the *Real Estate* listings.

### ⇒ Internet:

Montana Job Service home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/>.

Cities and towns of Busby, Crow Agency, Decker, Fort Smith, Garryowen, Hardin, Lodge Grass, Pryor, St. Xavier and Wyola Home Pages—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities.

### ⇒ Montana Motor Vehicle Division:

#### **Drivers' Licensing**

Hardin—Courthouse, 406-665-1505

### ⇒ Newspaper:

*Big Horn County News*, 204 N. Center Ave., Hardin, MT 59034, 406-665-1008

### ⇒ Public Library:

Big Horn County Library, 419 N. Custer Ave., Hardin, MT 59034-1892, 406-665-1808

### ⇒ Postsecondary Education Institution:

#### **Tribally Controlled Community College**

Little Big Horn College, P. O. Box 370, Crow Agency, MT 59022, 406-638-2228

### ⇒ Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:

Community Elementary, 625 W. 4th, Hardin, MT 59034, 406-665-1304

Hardin Public Schools, Route 1 Box 1001, Hardin, MT 59034-9707, 406-665-1304

Lodge Grass Public Schools, P. O. Box 810, Lodge Grass, MT 59050-0559, 406-639-2304

Pryor Public Schools, Box 229, Pryor, MT 59066, 406-259-7329

Squirrel Creek Elementary, HC 59 Box 13, Decker, MT 59025, 406-757-2215

Wyola Elementary, P. O. Box 66, Wyola, MT 59089, 406-343-2722

PLEASE NOTE: Because of time and budget constraints, we are only able to update our county flyers periodically. Individual tables are updated on a more frequent basis. You can call us if you'd like the most current information for a particular county. The Annual Averages for County Employment By Industry are updated annually, usually in June. The Top Employers are updated annually. Per Capita Income is usually released late spring. Population data for Montana is released in late December and county data in March. The Annual Average Labor Force information is benchmarked annually and numbers available before March. The other tables contain Census information and will be updated every 10 years. You can also look for more current information on our website listed on the front of this publication.

## Big Horn County Employment By Industry\* Annual Averages 1998

Industry	# of Establi- ments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	263	4,071	\$98,357,776
PRIVATE BUSINESS	223	2,879	\$63,481,426
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	12	81	\$986,868
Agri Production/Livestock	8	34	\$613,327
Agriculture Services	3	11	\$151,316
MINING	6	619	\$28,467,606
Bituminous Coal & Lignite Mining	4	515	\$26,367,221
CONSTRUCTION	23	113	\$1,753,783
General Building	4	11	\$277,578
Heavy Construction	4	70	\$978,176
Special Trade	15	31	\$498,027
MANUFACTURING	4	53	\$802,619
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	10	58	\$1,211,341
Local Transportation	3	12	\$132,770
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	4	31	\$911,678
WHOLESALE TRADE	11	77	\$1,668,630
Nondurable Goods	10	71	\$1,581,729
RETAIL TRADE	81	534	\$5,868,762
Bldg Materials-Garden	5	28	\$345,427
Food Stores	9	133	\$2,100,801
Auto Dealers-Service Stations	12	87	\$1,204,606
Apparel & Accessories	3	17	\$125,646
Eating & Drinking	20	206	\$1,662,104
Miscellaneous Retail	11	63	\$471,372
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	17	152	\$3,078,785
Banking	3	49	\$1,214,731
Insurance Agents	6	23	\$344,113
Real Estate	7	78	\$1,499,614
SERVICES	77	1,311	\$19,632,882
Hotels & Lodging	9	53	\$494,000
Personal Services	3	8	\$162,758
Auto Repair Services	4	11	\$218,777
Amusement & Recreation	15	115	\$1,613,202
Health Services	7	197	\$3,476,534
Legal Services	5	12	\$168,507
Social Services	7	779	\$11,149,075
Museums, Zoos, etc.	3	3	\$18,239
Membership Organizations	7	9	\$90,806
Engineering Services	6	32	\$795,070
GOVERNMENT	40	1,191	\$32,876,350
State	9	48	\$1,186,481
Local	12	695	\$16,935,334
Federal	19	447	\$15,754,535

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis.

Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.

\*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance.

## Per Capita Personal Income

	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Montana	\$3,558	\$8,842	\$15,038	\$15,947	\$16,541	\$17,571	\$17,590	\$18,286	\$18,872	\$19,660
% of National Average	87%	88%	79%	81%	81%	83%	80%	79%	78%	78%
Big Horn County	\$2,962	\$7,993	\$10,223	\$11,095	\$11,413	\$12,734	\$11,417	\$11,692	\$11,485	\$12,041
% of National Average	73%	79%	53%	57%	56%	60%	52%	51%	48%	48%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 1999.

750 copies of this flyer were printed at an estimated cost of \$75.45.

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1990 Census of Population and Housing												
Persons by Age, Race and Sex												
Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific												
School Age	White		Black		American Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	530	262	2	2	1,132	561	6	5	40	18	6	4
12-14	193	87	1	1	448	212	4	2	20	11	4	2
15-17	217	102	1	0	391	181	3	3	22	11	2	2
18-21	186	86	2	2	389	207	2	2	21	12	4	2
Total	1,126	537	6	5	2,360	1,161	15	12	103	52	16	10
Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific												
Working & Voting Age	White		Black		American Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+	3,754	1,916	10	6	3,735	1,976	31	20	176	80	63	22
16-64	2,984	1,472	10	6	3,498	1,848	26	18	158	74	48	19
18+	3,612	1,852	10	6	3,477	1,849	29	18	166	74	53	22
18-64	2,842	1,408	10	6	3,240	1,721	24	16	148	68	48	19
Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific												
Other Age Group	White		Black		American Indian		Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	364	163	4	2	841	407	4	3	46	23	3	1
5-17	940	451	4	3	1,971	954	13	10	82	40	12	8
18-44	1,796	915	9	6	2,463	1,307	13	8	115	53	34	13
45-64	1,046	493	1	0	777	414	11	8	33	15	14	6
62+	905	504	0	0	316	172	9	4	21	8	6	3
65+	770	444	0	0	237	128	5	2	18	6	5	3
Total	4,916	2,466	18	11	6,289	3,210	46	31	294	137	68	31
Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CD-ROM).												

<div> <div>Big Horn County</div> </div>			
County of Residence	# Who Work in Big Horn County	County of Work	# Who Live in Big Horn County
Out of State	539	Out of State	10
Big Horn County	3,133	Big Horn County	3,133
Yellowstone County	196	Rosebud County	164
Other Montana Counties	23	Treasure County	23
		Yellowstone County	128
		Other Montana Counties	51

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.





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